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## EDUCATION

- 2013 **Doctorate of Philosophy, American History**  
Brandeis University, Waltham, MA
- 2008 **Master of Arts, American History**  
Brandeis University, Waltham, MA
- 2005 **Bachelor of Arts, Summa Cum Laude, History**  
University of Massachusetts Boston, Boston, MA
- 2022 **Graduate Certificate, Instructional and Learning Design**  
University of Massachusetts Boston, Boston, MA

## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2025–present Associate Teaching Professor, University of New England
- 2022–2025 Assistant Teaching Professor, University of New England
- 2019–2022 Visiting Assistant Teaching Professor, University of New England
- 2013–2019 Assistant Professor of History, Otterbein University  
Awarded tenure April 2019
- 2012–2013 Lecturer in History, Babson College
- 2012–2013 Lecturer in History, Brandeis University

## OTHER ACADEMIC ROLES

- 2024–present E-Portfolio Educational Development Associate, University of New England
- 2017–2019 Associate Director, Integrative Studies Program, Otterbein University

## PUBLICATIONS

### *Books*

- 2020 *Conflict and Accommodation in Colonial New Mexico*. Oxford and New York: Oxford University Press, 2020.

### *Articles and Book Chapters*

- 2020 “American Indian Discovery.” In *Firsting in the Early Modern Atlantic World*, edited by Lauren Beck, 173–192. New York: Routledge, 2020.
- 2019 “‘Have You Not Heard of Florida?’: Jean Ribault, Thomas Stukeley, and the Dream of England’s First Overseas Colony.” *Itinerario* 43, no. 3 (December 2019): 397–422.
- 2019 “Conquered by Indians: Spanish Precedent and French and English Colonialism in North America.” *Terrae Incognitae* 51, no. 2 (Summer 2019): 111–130.
- 2013 “Entangled Borderlands: Europeans and Timucuan in 16th-Century Florida.” *Florida Historical Quarterly* 91, no. 3 (2013): 375–400.

### *Book Reviews*

- 2017 Book review of *Discovering Florida: First-Contact Narratives from Spanish Expeditions along the Lower Gulf Coast*, ed. John E. Worth. *Itinerario* 41, no. 3 (2017): 627–628.

*(PUBLICATIONS CONTINUED)*

- 2017 Review essay of *Informed Power: Communication in the Early American South*, by Alejandra Dubcovsky, and *Beyond Germs: Native Depopulation in North America*, edited by Catherine M. Cameron, Paul Kelton, and Alan C. Swedlund. *Reviews in American History* 45, no. 4 (2017): 545–551.
- 2016 Book review of *The Worlds the Shawnees Made: Migration and Violence in Early America*, by Stephen Warren. *The Historian* 78, no. 2 (2016): 354–355.
- 2014 Book review of *Ninigret, Sachem of the Niantics and Narragansetts: Diplomacy, War, and the Balance of Power in Seventeenth-Century New England and Indian Country*, by Julie A. Fisher and David J. Silverman. *Itinerario* 38, no. 3 (2014): 154–155.
- 2011 Book review of *Across a Great Divide: Continuity and Change in Native North American Societies, 1400-1900*, by Laura L. Scheiber and Mark D. Mitchell (eds.). *Ethnohistory* 58, no. 3 (2011): 539-541.
- 2010 Book review of *Everything You Know about Indians Is Wrong*, by Paul Chaat Smith. H-Florida, H-Net Reviews.  
<http://www.h-net.org/reviews/showrev.php?id=25857>.

*Other Publications*

- 2012 Research report, “Entangled European and Native Borderlands in Sixteenth-Century Florida.” *Perspectives on Europe* 42, no. 1 (2012).

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE***University of New England*

- ENG 110 English Composition
- HIS 222 US History I: Contact–Civil War
- HIS 222-O US History I: Contact–Civil War (online)
- HIS 223 US History II: Civil War–Present
- HIS 276 Human Traditions: Science, Technology, and Knowledge in the Modern World
- HIS 278 Human Traditions: Science, Technology, and Knowledge in the Premodern World
- HIS 313 American Indian History and Culture
- HIS 317 Revolutionary Medicine
- HIS 324 Conquering Disease: History of Medicine and Empire
- HIS 395 What Actually Happened? Debating the Past
- MUS 150 African Drumming Ensemble

*Otterbein University*

- FYS 1065 History Mysteries (First-Year Seminar)
- HIST 1100 The American Experience to 1865
- HIST 2100 History Seminar
- HIST 2910 Law in American History
- HIST 3610 Colonizing America
- HIST 3850 Public History (partnership with Ohio History Connection)
- HIST 4310 American Indian History
- HIST 4350 Era of the American Revolution
- HIST 4900 Internship (partnership with Ohio History Connection)
- INST 2001 Cross-Cultural Encounters and the Making of Global Society

*(TEACHING EXPERIENCE CONTINUED)*

- INST 2803 Making a Global World (partnership with ESL Program)  
 INST 4910 Mitakuye Oyasin: Travel Course to Rosebud Sioux Indian Reservation  
 HNRS 2000 Inquiry and Society: Social Sciences  
 HNRS 2800 Global Cultures  
 HNRS 3500 Junior Honors Seminar

*Babson College*

- HSS 2400 Making of Modern America

*Brandeis University*

- HIST 51b History of the United States: 1865 to the Present  
 HIST 136b Project Colony: An Early American Historical Laboratory  
 HIST 167b American Indian History  
 UWS 14a The Invasion of America: Interpreting New World Encounters (First-Year Writing)

GRADUATE TEACHING FELLOW

- USEM 14a Imagining the Other: Encounters in North America from Columbus to the Revolution  
 HIST 126a State and Society in Early Modern Europe  
 HIST 17a Native American History  
 HIST 151b The American Revolution

**GRANTS, AWARDS, AND FELLOWSHIPS**

- 2017 Otterbein Humanities Advisory Council Faculty Project Grant  
 2014-2016 Council of Independent Colleges Consortium for Online Humanities Instruction Grant  
 2016 Otterbein Humanities Advisory Committee Summer Writing Award  
 2015 Otterbein Faculty Scholar Development Committee Summer Writing Award  
 2014 Otterbein Online Course Transformation Institute  
 2014 Otterbein Faculty Scholar Development Committee Grant  
 2014 Otterbein Humanities Advisory Council Faculty Project Grant  
 2014 Otterbein Humanities Advisory Council Faculty Travel Grant  
 2013 Florida Historical Society Lawrence and Emily Lisska Travel Scholarship  
 2012, 2013 Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Brandeis (BOLLI) Scholar Award  
 2011 Mellon Dissertation Year Fellowship  
 2010 American Historical Association Michael Kraus Research Grant in American Colonial History  
 2010 American Philosophical Society Phillips Fund Grant for Native American Research  
 2010 Council for European Studies Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Pre-Dissertation Award  
 2010 Mellon Dissertation Research Grant  
 2010 Society of Early Americanists Conference Mini-Grant  
 2009 Mellon Summer Institute in Spanish Paleography at the Huntington Library  
 2009 Cecilia L. Johnson Grant for Visiting Graduate Scholars, University of Florida  
 2009, 2010 Brandeis Graduate Student Association Travel and Research Grant

*(GRANTS, AWARDS, AND FELLOWSHIPS CONTINUED)*

2006–2011 Irving and Rose Crown School of Graduate Studies in American Civilization Fellowship

**CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED TALKS**

- 2017 Keynote speaker, “Why Study Early America?” webinar follow-up session to Revisiting Early America, a K–12 institute delivered by Primary Source, November 29, 2017
- 2017 Keynote speaker, “How Native Americans Discovered Europeans,” at Revisiting Early America, a K–12 institute delivered by Primary Source, Natick, MA, July 17, 2017
- 2016 Panel commenter, “Imperial Administration in the 18<sup>th</sup>-century British Atlantic,” North American Conference on British Studies, Washington, DC, November 12, 2016
- 2016 Panelist, “Conquered by Indians: The Spanish Precedent and English Colonialism,” Translation and Transmission in the Early Americas: 4th Early Ibero/Anglo-Americanist Summit, College Park, MD, and Washington, DC, June 3, 2016
- 2015 Keynote speaker, “Native North America & Early Encounters,” at Native America Across Five Centuries, a K–12 institute delivered by Primary Source, Watertown, MA, July 20, 2015
- 2015 Roundtable participant, “Florida at the Margins,” Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture/Society of Early Americanists, Chicago, IL, June 19, 2015
- 2015 Panelist, “Spanish Missions and the Politics of Indigenous Kinship,” Native American and Indigenous Studies Association, Washington, D.C., June 5, 2015
- 2014 Invited Participant, “Conquered by Indians: Spanish Precedent and the Early Colonization of North America,” paper delivered at the Ohio Seminar in Early American History and Culture, The Ohio State University, October 6, 2014
- 2014 Panelist, “Florida, England’s First Overseas Colony,” Society of Early Americanists, London and the Americas, 1492-1812, Kingston University London, July 17, 2014
- 2014 Invited Speaker, “Entangled Borderlands: Europeans and Timucuan in 16th-Century Florida,” St. Augustine Historical Society, April 7, 2014
- 2013 Panelist, “Conquered by Indians: Spanish Precedent and the Early Colonization of North America,” Sixteenth-Century Society Conference, San Juan, Puerto Rico, October 24, 2013
- 2013 Panelist, “Have You Not Heard of Floryda? Florida and Virginia in the Sixteenth Century,” Florida Historical Society Annual Meeting and Symposium, on board the Carnival ship Sensation, May 25, 2013
- 2012 Panelist, “Have You Not Heard of Floryda? Florida and Virginia in the Sixteenth Century,” Virginia Forum, James Madison University, Harrisonburg, March 31, 2012
- 2012 Panelist, “Europeans and American Indians in the Colonial American Southeast,” Nineteenth International Conference of Europeanists, Boston, March 23, 2012

*(CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED TALKS CONTINUED)*

- 2011 Panelist, “The Native Borderlands of the 16th-Century Southeast,” Brown University Graduate Student Conference, “Borderlands and Meeting Points,” Providence, April 9, 2011
- 2011 Poster presenter, “Intimate Enemies: Mapping Native Politics in the Early Colonial Southeast,” Poster at American Historical Association Annual Meeting, Boston, January 8, 2011
- 2011 Poster presenter, “Intimate Enemies: Mapping Native Politics in the Early Colonial Southeast,” Poster at Brandeis Graduate Student Poster Symposium, Waltham, March 28-29, 2011
- 2010 Panel organizer, “European Empire Building among the Native Borderlands of the American Southeast,” Annual Meeting of the American Society for Ethnohistory, Ottawa, October 13-17, 2010
- 2010 Panelist, “Lost in Translation: Interpreters and Empire Building in the 16th-Century Southeast,” Early American Borderlands Conference, Flagler College and the Society for Early Americanists, St. Augustine, May 13, 2010
- 2009 Panelist, “More than Kin and Less than Kind: Indians and Europeans in the 16th-Century American Southeast,” Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture Annual Conference, Salt Lake City, June 13, 2009
- 2007 Panelist, “‘Killing the Whelp’: Abenaki Narrative and Euro-Indian Politics in Early New England,” McNeil Center for Early American Studies Graduate Conference, “Conflict and Community in Early America and the Atlantic World,” Philadelphia, September 28, 2007
- 2007 Panelist, “Abenaki Usage of the Memory of the 1607 English Colony, Sagadahoc,” Brandeis University American History Graduate Student Conference, Waltham, May 11, 2007

**PUBLIC AND COMMUNITY WORK**

- 2018 Speaker, “Mexican Conquests, Past and Present,” Otterbein University Lifelong Learning Community, September 13, 2018
- 2017 Speaker, “How American Indians Discovered Europeans,” Otterbein University Lifelong Learning Community, September 27, 2017
- 2016 Speaker, “What’s Happening at Standing Rock?” Otterbein University Race and Ethnic Studies Discussion Series, October 6, 2016
- 2014 Panelist, “Chief of Ideals: Native American Representation in Sports,” Otterbein University Office of Diversity, November 6, 2014

**SERVICE EXPERIENCE**

- 2025–present UNE College of Arts and Sciences Faculty Assembly (CASFA) Co-Chair
- 2024 Manuscript peer reviewer, *Terrae Incognitae*
- 2023–present UNE Phi Alpha Theta Faculty Advisor
- 2023–present UNE School of Arts and Humanities Honors Program Coordinator
- 2021–2025 UNE College of Arts and Sciences Academic Curriculum Committee
- 2017–2019 Otterbein University Transfer, Articulation, and Compliance Subcommittee
- 2016–2019 Otterbein University Faculty Scholar Development Committee
- 2015–2019 Ohio History Day Volunteer Judge

*(SERVICE EXPERIENCE CONTINUED)*

2014–2019 Otterbein University Phi Alpha Theta Faculty Advisor  
 2014–2019 Otterbein University Honors Advisory Committee  
 2014–2019 Otterbein University Integrative Studies Advisory Committee  
 2015–2017 Otterbein University Undergraduate Research and Creative Work Committee  
 2015–2017 Otterbein University Common Book Selection Committee  
 2014–2017 Otterbein University Student Research Fund Committee  
 2012–2013 Brandeis University Digital Humanities Working Group  
 2012–2013 Brandeis University Undergraduate Curriculum Committee  
 2011–2013 Brandeis University Teaching with Technology Committee  
 2010–2012 Brandeis University Graduate School Council  
 2009–2012 Brandeis University Library and Technology Services Advisory Committee  
 2010–2011 Brandeis University Graduate Student Association Vice President  
 2009–2011 Brandeis University Graduate Student Association Senator  
 2008–2011 Brandeis University Graduate Student Association Web and Communications  
 Coordinator

**FREELANCE WORK**

2025 AP English Language and Composition study  
 2024 Writing prompts for Cengage U.S. history texts  
 2022 Video scripts and map activities for Cengage world history texts  
 2021 Test questions for Cengage U.S. history texts  
 2019 Archival Researcher for season 2 of *The Future of America's Past* television  
 program produced for Virginia Public Media by Field Studio  
 2014 Primary source collection for Cengage world history texts  
 2014 Video scripts for Cengage U.S. history textbook

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

2025 Teaching with Generative AI, Macmillan Institute  
 2024 AI for Learning Workshop, UNE  
 2023 Talking About Our Teaching Faculty Learning Community, UNE  
 2022 Designing Effective Reflection Activities Faculty Learning Community, UNE  
 2021 Dao of Hybrid Classes Faculty Learning Community, UNE  
 2020 EDT 540 Instructional Design and Project Management, UMaine  
 2018 Conference on General Education and Assessment, AAC&U  
 2016 Do I Really Belong Here? Engaging and Educating African American Males for  
 Success on Campus, Otterbein University  
 2014 Reacting to the Past Faculty Institute, Barnard College  
 2014 Blended Learning Course Transformation Institute, Otterbein University  
 2013 Lilly Conference on College and University Teaching and Learning, Miami  
 University of Ohio